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BATTLESHIP OREGON.

It is announced, says the Seattle P. I., that the famous old battleship Oregon is to be sent to the Puget sound navy yard for a general overhauling, amounting almost to a radical reconstruction of everything save the hull, so that she can be brought up to date.

There is nothing said, however, about the absolute necessity for the repairs, or the distribution of political pap to the government blood-suckers that breed like flies. The Oregon was supposed to be a modern ship—at least she cost the government sufficient for one—but business is dull among the political grafters and the Oregon has been singled out as the one to supply the necessary scads to help indigent politicians out of the hole. Continuing the P. I. says:

"The keel of the Oregon was laid about 14 years ago, and she has been in commission for about 10 years. According to some theorists, whose arguments are given great weight by opponents of the construction of an efficient navy, the Oregon is obsolete and would be practically useless in time of war. This is very far from being true. There have been great improvements in the construction of battleships since the Oregon was launched, it is true. It is also true that the approved modern battleship of the highest type is a very much larger vessel than the Oregon, has great theoretical speed, a larger steaming radius and carries a heavier armament, in number, but not in caliber, of guns. It is also a more stable gun platform. The government will never build any more vessels of the Oregon type, for the newer vessels are considered an improvement, but the Oregon will never go on the permanent reserve list so long as she is in condition or can be put in condition for service, unless there are greater improvements in battleship construction in the future than any which have been evolved since the day her keel was laid down.

"The Oregon is still a very powerful and very formidable fighting craft, no matter what the vessel to which she might be theoretically opposed. It would be a question merely of the manner in which she was handled and fought, as compared with the handling and fighting on the other side, whether she would necessarily be defeated in a duel with the most formidable of the new battleships of the world. For example, on record performance, it would be an odds-on bet in favor of the Oregon, with a picked crew from the Japanese navy, in a fight with the finest and most modern of battleships, with such officers and men as handled the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. She has the heaviest of defensive armor; her guns are no lighter in caliber and merely fewer in number than those of more modern warships; her speed is not merely a matter of trial performance, but has been demonstrated in actual battle, under service conditions of the severest.

"No; the Oregon is not obsolete, notwithstanding the length of time she has been in the service. She earned her full cost to the government and much more on her performance one summer day off the coast of Cuba, and demonstrated the soundness of the theory of building a navy for off-shore fighting purposes as well as for defense. When she is remodeled, so that her interior fittings are brought up to date; so that her battery can be fit to take her place in the line of the newer vessels, the Oregon will be fit to take her place in the line of battle, no matter how formidable might be the vessels in an opposing fleet, and give a good account of herself with any adversary. There is no American captain in the navy of today who, given the command of the Oregon, would run away from any other battleship afloat offering battle, no matter what the theoretical odds might be against his ship in such a fight."

AN INSULT.

An article published in an evening paper yesterday insinuating that Sheriff Linnville had left the city in order to permit gambling to open and that he had made a mistake in closing the games, is a libel on the sheriff who, everyone knows, went to Oregon City in response to a subpoena to appear and testify in a criminal case. The statement that the saloon men and gamblers intended to defy the sheriff and the laws of the state emanates from those who have no respect for laws, morality or decency. The further statement that the gamblers proposed to run in open defiance of law with the intention of making a test case, and that no jury could be found in the city that would convict them, is a base insult on every honest man in the city and an intimation that he would perjure himself, violate his oath in the interest of crime and should be resented. The sheriff has announced over his own signature that he would not permit gambling in Astoria and would close up every game if there was a law in Clatsop county to do it, and it is to be expected that he will perform his sworn duty and not be intimidated either by the gamblers or their official organ. The article was ill-timed and ill-advised and will certainly be resented by Sheriff Linnville upon his return. One thing is certain. Public sentiment is so strong in Astoria today that any attempt on the part of the gamblers to defy the law or the sheriff, will result in local option being carried next June in nearly every precinct in the city. If that contingent are sparing for a fight, they will certainly be accommodated, and Astoria will be a closed town in every respect contemplated by the laws of Oregon.

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OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman.

Straw hats are not considered to be in vogue until strawberry shortcake is de trop.

Even without special premiums and prizes, the breakfast foods always will be found wholesome and valuable in building up the systems of consumptive dolls.

It is easy to believe the report that Dick Croker descended from a royal line. He has many of the most conspicuous traits which have made the Russian grand dukes famous.

With public ownership of street railways, the people of Chicago will have no soulless corporations to swear at when the car refuses to stop or the fuse burns out.

Elijah Dowie is evangelizing in old Mexico. Maybe it was through his influence that President Diaz brought the country to a gold basis.

A Boer general got drunk in Chicago, forged a check and was sent to jail just like an ordinary everyday American patriot.

Down in Philadelphia a woman sold her baby for a ticket to Italy. Some people are always trying to drive a close bargain.

It is now announced that Russell Sage's wealth is greatly underestimated. It is true that he never has given much evidence of being wealthy.

President Harper has returned to the Chicago university and some of his overworked assistants can now take a rest from predicting things that are due to happen in a thousand years.

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First of the rock deliveries to be made at the jetty for the season of 1905, as contracted for recently by the United States engineer corps, will be started today, when the Columbia Contract Company will unload at Fort Stevens the initial bargeload. All is now in shape for the work of rocking the piling about the trestle to start, and it is to be prosecuted vigorously. The second contract for over 1000 piling, which is being filled by the firm of Gorman & Brewster, at Stella, has been started upon. This material will be used in finishing the stretch washed out by last winter's storms, and in extending the jetty from its present terminus. The tug Sampson arrived last evening to be on hand when the first barge arrives from the quarry, and hereafter she will tow them to and from Stevens, and stern-wheelers will haul them on the river above here. The rock will come in small quantities at the start, but later it will be delivered at the rate of 2250 tons a day. The J. W. Sweeney contract will start May 1 with deliveries covering 500 tons daily, and this will be increased to 650 tons after the second month.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The steamer Columbia sails today for San Francisco.

The steamer Redondo is due today from San Francisco.

The transport Sheridan sailed yesterday for San Francisco.

The British ship Fairport, from Astoria, arrived at Callao on April 22.

The British bark Ruthwell, from this port, arrived at Port Natal on the 20th.

The steamer South Bay sailed yesterday for Redondo with a cargo of lumber.

The steamer Cascades sailed yesterday for San Francisco with a full cargo of lumber and railroad ties.

The steamer Francis H. Leggett did not get away yesterday, but is scheduled to leave out some time today.

The American barkentine Kotzala, from Santa Barbara, arrived in yesterday and will load lumber at some of the up river mills for Australia.

The bark La Fontaine, now discharging cement, has been chartered to load lumber for Liverpool. This will be the second vessel to take the same kind of cargo to that port.

War risks on cargoes and craft to the orient have taken another jump, advancing from 1 1/2 to 2 per cent. Since it became known the Russian and Japanese fleets were near each other in far eastern waters, the insurance market has been active, and the latest quotation is on May and June sailings.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker.

- Frank Tauscher, Portland.
- Adam Tauscher, Chehalis.
- D. Nasset, Portland.
- Fred Gustafson, Portland.
- J. A. Brown, Portland.
- James Pettit, Chinook.
- C. T. Goff, Ilwaco.
- Elmer Hackett, Stella, Wash.
- E. B. Raymond, Chicago.
- Andrew Young, Youngs River.
- W. J. Randle, Victoria, B. C.
- Mat Group, Portland.
- Alfred Baker, Long Beach.
- Benj. Baker, Long Beach.
- M. Scul and wife, Ilwaco.
- D. Logan, Portland.
- A. Pearman, Portland.
- John Shaughnessy, Portland.
- H. Wilkey, Portland.
- J. A. Brown, Portland.
- R. B. Magruder, Portland.
- W. H. Lawson, Portland.
- P. H. Flynn, Portland.
- P. F. Robinson, Tacoma.
- W. Johnson, Chicago.

Occident.

- F. Hill, Portland.
- J. Jackson, Portland.
- L. A. Anstey, Portland.
- W. E. Potter, Str. Cascade.
- E. W. Dingman, Portland.
- Mrs. Wilson, Grays River.
- C. E. Palmer, Portland.
- A. Spence, San Francisco.
- F. D. Bacon, San Francisco.
- M. E. Denver, Warrenton.
- L. A. Loomis, Ilwaco.
- J. R. Welch, Warrenton.
- R. A. Hawkins, Ilwaco.
- H. E. Johnson, Ilwaco.
- Marcus Peel, Portland.
- A. E. Wakeman, Portland.
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In July, 1883, I began to break out with Eczema on my head, legs and arms, and began treatment with local doctors, but did not get much relief. They said the disease had become chronic. I then quit them and tried various ointments and soaps for another two years, but as soon as cold weather came I was as bad as ever, so I finally decided to let medicine alone, and for twelve or thirteen years did nothing towards curing the Eczema, except bathing. This seemed to do about as much good as anything I had tried. During the time I lost about one-half of my hair. Then S. S. S. doubtful of a cure, because the disease had run so long, but soon discovered your medicine was doing me good, and continued to take it. I used seven bottles, when I was completely cured, not having a single spot on my body, which before was almost completely covered. F. C. NORFOLK, 1017 Hackberry St., Ottumwa, Ia.

The head, feet and hands are usually the parts affected, though the disease appears on other parts of the body. While external applications allay the itching and burning temporarily, it is the acids thrown off by the blood that cause the irritation and eruptions upon the skin. The acids must be neutralized and the system cleansed of all humors and poisons before the cure is permanent. S. S. S. is guaranteed entirely free of Potash, Arsenic and other minerals. Book on the skin and its diseases sent free. Medical advice furnished free.



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